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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re original application of:

Applicants : William Martin et al.
Application Serial No.: 10/014,342
Filing Date : November 13, 2001
Title: AUTOMATICALLY-ACTIVATED HAND-SUPPORTABLE
LASER SCANNING BAR CODE SYMBOL READING
SYSTEM WITH OMNIDIRECTIONAL AND
UNIDIRECTIONAL SCANNING MODES IN ADDITION TO
A DATA TRANSMISSION ACTIVATION SWITCH
Examiner : Jared Fureman
Group Art Unit : 2876
Attorney Docket No. : 108-136USA000

Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 312(a)

SIR:

Prior to payment of Issue Fee in the present Application, please amend the same as follows:

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 24, 29, 31 and 33 as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A bar code symbol reading device comprising:

(1) a hand-supportable housing having a light transmission aperture through which visible light can exit and enter said hand-supportable housing;

(2) a laser scanning engine, disposed within said ~~hand-supportable~~ hand-supportable housing, that selectively operates in one of first and second scan modes,

wherein in said first scan mode, the laser scanning engine projects an omni-directional scan pattern through said light transmission aperture, repeatedly detects and decodes bar code symbols on objects passing through said omni-directional scan pattern, and produces a symbol character data string representative of each bar code symbol read by said laser scanning engine during said first scan mode, and